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SUSPECT ARRESTED IN EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS MURDER

Ralph Garbarini, 45, the suspect in the December 31, 2006 shooting death of Michael Fineman, was arrested earlier this afternoon in Hollywood, CA. Garbarini and his distinctive truck were the subjects of a nationwide fugitive search during the past ten weeks, and the Homicide Unit received assistance from the United States Marshals Service and law enforcement agencies in Arizona, Nevada, and California.

At approximately 1:00 this afternoon, a citizen alerted two private security officers (retired law enforcement officers from the Los Angeles area) to a truck parked on a residential street several blocks from Hollywood Boulevard. The security officers called the Los Angeles Police Department, who informed them that the vehicle was wanted in connection with a crime. The truck in question belonged to Ralph Garbarini and was sought in connection with the Extraordinary Desserts murder. San Diego Police Department and U.S. Marshals Service personnel (from the Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force) mobilized to surveil the truck in the hope Garbarini would return to it. At approximately 4:10 p.m., Garbarini returned to his truck and was arrested without incident.

Garbarini has been returned to San Diego, and he is being processed at Headquarters in preparation for booking into County Jail.

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